

**Telephone Adalats at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh**

4595. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Adalats conducted for redressal of grievances of the people in the Itanagar, the capital city of Arunachal Pradesh during the last 3 years;

(b) the number of cases settled in such Adalats in the city during this period; and

(c) the number of decisions implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The number of Telephone Adalats conducted and cases settled therein during the last 3 years is given below:

| Year | Number of Adalats held | Number of cases settled |
|------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1997 | 1                      | 6                       |
| 1998 | 1                      | 10                      |
| 1999 | 1                      | 12                      |

(c) All cases are settled.

**Telecom facilities in Andhra Pradesh**

4596. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister assured recently in Rajahmundry that the telecom facilities in Andhra Pradesh would be brought at par with international standards;

(b) if so, the assistance proposed to be given to fulfil the promises especially in respect of telecom facilities in interior village?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The Minister has recently made an announcement about providing better

telecom facilities in Andhra Pradesh, including provision of mobile telephone facility in Rajahmundry.

All the telephone exchanges have already been made electronic with STD facility. All the modern telecom facilities such as Internet, Intelligent Network Service, Cellular Mobile Service, Radio Paging Service etc. are available in Andhra Pradesh. All the Secondary Switching Area headquarters have been provided with Internet Nodes.

The Department of Telecom Services has also decided to introduce Cellular Mobile Service in its network. Initially, it is being introduced as a pilot project in some States including Andhra Pradesh. This pilot project is likely to be implemented by November 2000. The cities/towns proposed in Andhra Pradesh under the pilot project are Hyderabad, Vijaywada, Tirupathy, Visakhapatnam, Guntur, Amalapuram and Kakinada. Rajah-mundry also been now included in the pilot project. There are plans for introduction of Cellular Mobile Services in other parts of the country also.

It is proposed to cover all exchanges in Andhra Pradesh with reliable media during the year 2000-2001. In addition inaccessible and remote places in the villages are proposed to be connected by WLL Equipment.

**Waiting list of telephone connections in Meghalaya**

4597. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTUDU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applicants on the waiting list for telephone connections in the State of Meghalaya during the last three years and till date, District-wise;

(b) the time by which the above waiting list of the States are likely to be cleared; and

(c) the target fixed for granting telephone connections to all the persons in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The number of applicants on the waiting list for telephone connections in the